

In re Application of: Thomas A. Kraker

Serial No: 10/055,027

Filed: January 23, 2002

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Title: Smoking Articles With Reduced  
Ignition Proclivity Characteristics



Group Art Unit: 1731

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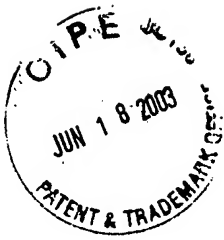
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page two of this Response.

Remarks begin on page ten of this Response.